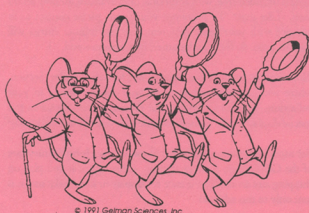


CONFERENCE 3

The Anthropomorphic Seminar/Convention

AND THE TRAIN KEPT A'ROLLIN

Yes, it's us again! Plowing through another California summer and gearing up for the next ConFurence. This little update is being sent to all the interested fen in the Fandom Location Service (the *Fandom Directory* people— and our thanks to them!) Once again, we're ahead of ourselves this time last year on memberships, so we're taking even more room at our host hotel for ConFurence Three. We may well top **three hundred members** this time out—not bad for a “fringe fandom” con, eh? And once again we welcome our special guests from the fields of anthropomorphic comics, fanzines, art, and media. And we'd love to welcome you to our fold. Why? Stay tuned and ye shall soon discover.



OUR GUESTS OF HONOR

Three people very special to anthropomorphics will be joining us this time:

Chuck Melville: He might be a new name to you, but blimey what an entrance! After independently publishing *The Champion of Katarra* a couple of years ago, Chuck now springs onto the scene with *The Furkindred* from MU Press. *The Furkindred* is a massive volume of illustrated fiction and comics revolving around a shared world universe, giving us a parallel Earth where humans never showed up and other mammals evolved into various intelligent

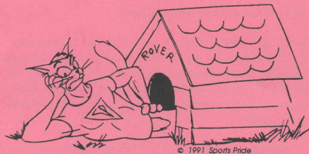
species. This earth is a world of magic, science, and multi-cultural adventure! *The Furkindred* world was co-created by Chuck and MU editor-in-chief Edd Vick, and the first volume features stories and illustrations by just about everybody you can think of in anthropomorphics, as well as bringing us some new faces for the first time. Chuck recently moved from the midwest to one of the current “furry hubs”, Seattle, and we're happy to be welcoming him to Southern California for a few days in January.

Dave Garcia: If you've been reading furry comics for a while, the first thing his name makes you think of is *Panda Khan* from Abacus Press. Dave has been illustrating that world of evolved pandas, bears and insectoids from the start, with scripting by his wife, Monica Sharp. But that's not all, folks. Dave has since moved on to become one of the principal artists on the *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Adventures* comics (from Archie Comics). He's also one of those artists who seems to have done at least one cover for just about everything (including *The Furkindred* first volume, noted above). And he still has time to do fantastic artwork at conventions all over town. Including ours.

Taral Wayne: A well-known artist from Canada, Taral is famous in fanzine fandom for his articles and for his numerous spot-illustrations. You might not remember his name, but you've seen his stuff all over the place in convention program books. He is also the creator of Sara Maar, perhaps one of the most famous furry characters from before anybody knew what furry fandom was!

And...

Also joining us are such furry writers and artists as: **Dan Flahive**, creator of *Space Wolf* from the *Albedo* anthologies; our old friend **Jim Groat** from Graph-X-Press; **Scudder Kidwell**, late of Barr Wars and the recent *Crusade* collection; **Mel White**, co-creator of the *Duncan & Mallory* graphic novels from Donning Press; and **Terrie Smith**, popular fan artist and more recently penciller for *Red Shetland*. Beyond that, who knows which well-known people might show up? One thing for certain— you won't want to miss it!



THE COSTUME PRESENTATION

The Furry Costume Presentation (and how-to meeting) at ConFurence Two was very successful, and we intend to build on that previous success at Three. At a special gathering on Saturday afternoon, a SIG meeting will be held where amateur or experienced costumers can show up and show off what they do, answer questions about how they do it, or ask each other questions about why they do it that way. At this meeting each costume or group that shows up will be photographed, and all those present at the Spaghetti Feed that night will use those photos to vote for the best costume presentation that year. Get it? If you intend to present a costume or skit at the Costume SIG, please drop us a line at the ConFurence address—we want to be ready for you!

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

RPG players will have ample opportunity to extend their imagination every night in our Gaming Room, whether your cup of tea is *Albedo*, *Toon*, *Other Suns*, *Rifts*, *Justifiers*, *Ninja Turtles*, or... gee, what else have they come up with lately? Contact **Shayn Raney** at the ConFurence address for more information on gaming.

ONCE AGAIN, FILKING

Huh? Oh, that means fannish folk music. Or, in our case, the annual ConFurence Furry Filk Contest, where amateur songwriters can demonstrate their lyrical ability in writing a song with the theme of anthropomorphics, toons, mythical beasts, pets, or other furry topics. Songs may be sung or spoken, by you or by someone you grab, and they will then be voted on by those present and the best filk song will be chosen. The winner not only receives a special prize and certificate, the lyrics of the winning song will be published in the ConFurence Three Aftermath Report. And when all this is done, there is free time for filking into the night by all those who hang around. Want more information? Write to **Rod O'Riley** care of the ConFurence address.

IT'S MORE FUN TO COMPUTE

Once again sysops and other participants in the furry computer BBS networks from around the world will be gathering to discuss the latest ins and outs of the electronic spectrum. Also present will be those whose specialty is the creation of furry artwork and animation on any of the numerous art software available these days; they'll have an opportunity to show off what they do in the Art Show, and talk about how they do it in a special Computer Art SIG. Write to **Shayn Raney** or **John Stanley** at the ConFurence address if you'd like to participate in the Computer program (yuck yuck!).

THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON AROUND HERE

Like, these familiar events:

Fud? Foot? Fude? Food!

Right in the middle of the convention is our traditional Saturday Night Spaghetti Feed, with what the fans tell us is a fantastic spaghetti sauce from the hotel. Tickets go on sale Friday, and attendance will be strictly limited to 100 people, so get yours as soon as you can! And on the day before, Friday night once again brings the Meet and Greet Ice Cream Social, where the furry fen young, old and famous gather to chew the cud, er, ice cream. (And this year—more servers!) Best of all—the ice cream is included with your membership price!

SIGs (Special Interest Groups)

We continue our well-known round robin style of informal discussions, where the famous and the not-as-famous can sit around on an even level and ask questions or make points as they please. About what? How about Costumes, Computers, *TaleSpin* fandom, Artistic How-Tos, or Role-Playing Games? Sound good? How about Illustrating Children's Books or Creating Furry Personas? Sound better? Then you tell us what else you'd like to see! We're always looking for more ideas. Drop us a line.





Guest Presentations

Each of our special Guests of Honor will have the opportunity to speak to their fans about what's the latest thing they're cooking up individually, as well as joining together in a special Meet-The-Guests Presentation on Friday.

Living On Video

Our collection of Furry Videos continues with more animation, TV shows, short films, student projects, and other oddities of the furry variety (some of this you are not going to believe...) Contact **Mark Merlino** care of ConFurence with suggestions or questions about the Video Show at ConFurence Three.

HELP! (I Need Somebody!) HELP!

Sponsors

ConFurence is a convention run by and for fans, and we need all the help we can get! Many of our guests' attendance is based on "money to get there and a place to stay", and that's where you come in. We need sponsors to contribute a minimum of **\$20.00** over their initial membership fees to aid us with travel, accommodation and food costs for our guests. Just tell us which specific guest you're marking your contribution for, or else just give it to the general fund and we'll split it among the needy. And what do you get for your generosity? (You mean besides the good feeling that you've helped one of the nicest little conventions have famous people show up?) Well, sponsors are allowed access to the Green Room, where guests and their benefactors can relax in a less hectic environment and have a quiet talk or a bite to eat; and after the convention closes on Sunday, sponsors and guests are invited to a free sandwich party, compliments of ConFurence. Sponsors are also eligible for discounts on future memberships, T-Shirts, Souvenir Books, and other fancy stuff. Have we convinced you yet? Good! Drop us a line-- or a check-- and we'll get back to you!

The ConFurence Three Souvenir Book

Our souvenir books of furry art and articles have become collectors' items in their own right, and this collection is going to be just as popular. Our Convention and Souvenir Book theme for this year is *Our Furry World*, whether it's furies in legends, books, comic strips, or even advertising! And once again we're looking for contributions:

Artwork: Our format is 11 by 17 inches folded, and artwork should be 8 1/2 by 11 inches vertical format. Black-and-White line or half-tone art is acceptable. We are also accepting spot-illos to place amongst the articles. Please do not send us original artwork; send only camera-ready xerox copies. Materials submitted will not be returned unless specifically requested. Any furry or anthropomorphic subject is acceptable (up to light "R" rating, please!), but if you'd like you can emphasize our special theme for ConFurence Three.

Articles: May be up to 500 words. Give us your own personal angle on this year's special theme: What furry things have you seen or heard of in travels abroad, or even not-so-abroad? Where is the oddest or most interesting place you've seen a furry theme used? And what little-known furies do you find the most memorable? (Just remember to note any creators whose characters you note or quote!) Articles can be sent double-spaced to the ConFurence address, or can be uploaded directly via modem to **The Tiger's Den BBS at (714) 530-2554**.

And Also: All art or articles printed in the actual book will be credited to their creators; all rights then return to their respective creators. The ConFurence committee retains the right to accept or refuse any contribution, to correct basic spelling and grammar on any articles, and to slightly alter artwork to fit within available space. The deadline is early January of 1992, but the sooner things get to us, the better!

AND THEN HE SAID...

More of the same, with emphasis on the more! Coming up in Progress Report #2 will be maps to the hotel and other accommodations, more guest confirmations, and lotsa lotsa good stuff. Remember though: You only receive PR#2 if you're an attending, supporting, or sponsoring member-- so get yours today! Oh, you did? Well we'll see you in January then, won't we?

ConFurence Three-- Our Furry World and welcome to it!



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Our Host Hotel— THE HOLIDAY INN ANAHEIM MAIN GATE

The hotel more than rolled out the red carpet for us at ConFurence Two, even given a few last-minute changes and other surprises, and they've informed us that they are looking quite forward to hosting ConFurence Three next year. This time out we'll be using the entire convention room space as we make room for even more furies showing up than before. And once again, the hotel will graciously provide for our fannish tastes with the traditional Friday Ice Cream Social and the Saturday Night Spaghetti Feed. The bar and lounge are available, as well as standard amenities like the pool and arcade, and don't forget the Magic Kingdom just kitty-corner across Katella! Single and double rooms are only **\$71.00** per night, and larger rooms are available (call for more info). In addition to all this, there's enough hotels and motels within a quarter mile of our main hotel to hold any size herd of fans (though our host hotel is closest to the action at ConFurence, of course!) And a great selection of eateries, open throughout the day and night—including a very popular Swedish restaurant right next door. To reserve your room, call the Holiday Inn Reservation Line at (800) 624-6855, and make sure to mention it's for **ConFurence!**

AND SPEAKING OF DISNEY

If a minimum of 100 people will buy them, we can see about purchasing tickets for the Magic Kingdom at the group discount rate. What do you say folks? Write us if you're interested.



THE DEN OF DEALERS

Another fine selection of comics, T-Shirts, art prints, books, posters, and who-knows-what-else to tempt you this time in the ConFurence Dealers' Room. We more than filled the room at our last outing, and we will expect to do the same again, so if you're a seller of furry wares we highly suggest you reserve your space with us as soon as possible! Full Tables (8 ft. by 2 1/2 ft.) sell for **\$50.00** with two full memberships included, with additional tables selling for

\$20.00 each. Half-tables (4 ft. by 2 1/2 ft.) are only **\$30.00**, with one full membership included.

Next to the Dealers Room is the Artists' Alley, where 8 ft. by 2 1/2 ft. tables are available **free** of charge to just-starting artists and crafts-people. This room is not locked at night, and all wares must be removed in the evening, but during the daylight it's a great place to informally meet new talent- or show your own! Also in this room, our special guests will be available for autographs, off-the-cuff discussions, and whatever else might come up in passing.

Contact **Rod O'Riley** at the ConFurence address for more information on the Dealers' Room or Artists' Alley, and remember- space will be limited!

LE SHOW D'ART

We said that our art show would never sell out of space, and this year, people took us at our word! In response to the overwhelming popularity of our furry art show, we've constructed extra panels and arranged for even more space than before, to make room for the paintings, prints, and sculpture you folks have to sell! Once again the voice auction will take place on Sunday afternoon, where we will also announce the winner of the attending membership votes for the best-of-show. Remember: For all attending and supporting members, one 4 ft. by 4 ft. panel or 4 ft. by 2 1/2 ft. table is included **free**, with additional ones available for only **\$5.00** each. Like that? To guarantee your space, please contact us in advance with your space requirements- last minute entries will have to make do (here's a hammer, here's some wood...).

Also coming again is our special not-for-sale Display Section, where you can show off some of your favorite pieces in your collection- your own work or your favorite artists'. Space in this special display will be limited, so write us if you're interested today!

For more information on the Art Show, contact **John Stanley** care of the ConFurence mailing address. Once again, if you plan on shipping any art to ConFurence for display or sale, make sure it is sent only to this address:

ConFurence Three Art Show
c/o 13412 Gilbert Street
Garden Grove, CA 92644

Also make sure that each piece of artwork is marked on the back (2D) or bottom (3D) with a return address (sorry, no P.O. boxes!) and a contact phone number.

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